

Agency Activities to Fight Fraud

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	Activity	Definition
1.	Access to Financial Institutions (AFI)	Obtain financial account information to determine eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and payment accuracy.
2.	Administrative Sanctions and Penalties	Impose administrative sanctions and/or penalties on individuals who give false or misleading information or who fail to report material information.
3.	Annual Wage Reporting Monitoring Process	Monitor paper annual wage reporting (AWR) submissions. Flag and reject reports from previously identified fraudulent submitters through suspect employer identification numbers (EIN) and social security numbers (SSN) and remove those submissions with a high probability of fraud from the processing stream.
4.	Anti-Fraud Communications Campaign	Conduct a national Anti-Fraud Campaign in FY 2015.
5.	Anti-Fraud Language on Notices	Add anti-fraud language to notices.
6.	Anti-Fraud Training*	Enhance our ability to prevent and detect disability fraud by expanding anti-fraud training to all SSA employees during FY 2014, with specific focus on lessons learned from Puerto Rico and New York City.
7.	Civil Monetary Penalties (CMP)	Impose CMPs when individuals make false statements or representations in connection with obtaining or retaining benefits or payments under Social Security, wrongfully convert Social Security payments made, or knowingly withhold a material fact from SSA.
8.	Continuing Disability Reviews (CDR)*	Evaluate a beneficiary's impairment to determine if medical improvement has occurred and eligibility for payment continues.
9.	Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI)*	Investigate potentially fraudulent Social Security Disability Claims by obtaining factual evidence sufficient to resolve questions of fraud in SSA's disability programs. There are currently 28 CDI units in 24 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The units consist of a Team Leader, CDI Program Specialist, State Disability Determination Service Analysts or Examiners and State or Local Law Enforcement Officers.

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10.	Data Analytics	Use data analytics to enhance the agency's ability to detect and prevent fraud. The agency has completed multiple separate initiatives using data analytics to determine and prevent fraud.
11.	Disability Fraud Pilot Project*	Increase the OIG's focus on fraud and abuse in SSA's disability program with an added emphasis on: identifying, investigating, and seeking prosecution of doctors, lawyers, interpreters and other third parties, who facilitate and promote disability fraud.
12.	Fraud Prevention Unit	Specialized unit of fraud examiners dedicated to analyzing probable fraud cases.
13.	Fraud Prosecution Project	Attorneys from our Office of General Counsel in several Federal districts serve as fraud prosecutors dedicated to Social Security fraud cases and have increased the number of prosecutions.
14.	Individual and Random Payee Reviews	Conduct reviews based on various payee, beneficiary, and case characteristics, which will protect the beneficiary from theft or misuse of benefits.
15.	Medical Listings*	Provide updated descriptions of the disabling impairments for each of the major body systems for adults and children.
16.	Medicare Non-Utilization Project (MNUP)	Data exchange between SSA and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to identify Medicare use.
17.	National Anti-Fraud Committee (NAFC)	Lead and support enterprise-wide strategies to combat fraud, waste and abuse; also collaborate with private insurers and other Federal agencies to learn new ways to combat complex and sophisticated fraud schemes.
18.	Office of Anti-Fraud Programs	The new office will provide centralized oversight of and accountability for the agency's anti-fraud activities.
19.	Prison Population Match	Identify Title II beneficiaries and TXVI recipients who are confined by the Department of Corrections and are receiving benefits, and take appropriate action to terminate benefits.
20.	Psychological Testing Research Effort*	Conduct a comprehensive review of psychological testing including symptom validity testing; and determine the relevance of such testing to disability determinations in claims involving physical or mental impairments.
21.	Regional Anti-Fraud Committee (RAFC)	RAFCs promote anti-fraud initiatives and are chaired by an OIG Special Agent-in-Charge and a Regional Commissioner.

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22.	Representative Payee Criminal Bar Policy	When beneficiaries are unable to manage their own benefits due to their age, legal incompetence, or incapability, we appoint representative payees to receive and manage benefits on their behalf. The bar policy prevents payee applicants who have committed certain crimes from being appointed.
23.	Representative Payee Misuse	When beneficiaries are unable to manage their own benefits due to their age, legal incompetence, or incapability, we appoint representative payees to receive and manage benefits on their behalf. All allegations of payee misuse, where the payee used funds for something other than the beneficiary, are investigated.
24.	SSI Redeterminations	Select on an annual and monthly basis cases to review for non-medical eligibility based on error probability scores determined by a predictive scoring model.